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108TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

S. 2448

To coordinate rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 with other Federal laws.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

May 19, 2004

Mr. Gregg introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

May 20, 2004

Read the second time and placed on the calendar

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Uniformed Services
- 5 Differential Pay Protection Act".

SEC. 2. COORDINATION OF USERRA WITH OTHER FEDERAL

- 2 LAWS.
- 3 (a) Treatment of Differential Payment as
- 4 Wages for Purposes of Income Tax With-
- 5 HOLDING.—Section 4302 of title 38, United States Code,
- 6 is amended by adding at the end the following:
- 7 "(c)(1) For purposes of chapter 24 of the Internal
- 8 Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to collection of income tax
- 9 at source on wages), any differential wage payment shall
- 10 be treated as a payment of wages by the employer to the
- 11 employee.
- 12 "(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the term 'dif-
- 13 ferential wage payment' means any payment which—
- 14 "(A) is made by an employer to an employee
- with respect to any period during which the em-
- 16 ployee is performing service in the uniformed serv-
- ices while on active duty for a period of more than
- 18 30 days, and
- 19 "(B) represents all or a portion of the dif-
- ference between the wages the employee would have
- 21 received from the employer if not performing service
- in the uniformed services and the wages paid for
- performing such service.".
- 24 (b) Continued Contributions to Pension
- 25 Plans.—Section 4318 of title 38, United States Code, is
- 26 amended by adding at the end the following:

- 1 "(d) For purposes of the Employee Retirement In-
- 2 come Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code
- 3 of 1986, any employer or employee contributor to an em-
- 4 ployee pension benefit plan to which this section applies
- 5 with respect to any period during which the employee is
- 6 performing service in the uniformed services while on ac-
- 7 tive duty for a period of more than 30 days shall be treat-
- 8 ed as a contribution with respect to a current employee
- 9 of the employer.".

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